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PRESS RELEASE:

FREEHOLD BOROUGH HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE PROPOSES AN "ADOPT A NEIGHBOR" PROGRAM

The Human Relations Committee is testing the waters to see if this new program can be viable and helpful to its senior and disabled residents.

The Adopt A Neighbor program is a volunteer program. It's about caring for one another and helping those in need. The program is designed to assist seniors or those who are not physically able to do their own yard work or snow removal from their sidewalks.

The program is designed for those who cannot afford to pay for these services, and do not have neighbors, family or friends available to help them.

Adopt A Neighbor is entirely dependent upon volunteers, and the assistance does not involve the Borough or its employees. Human Relations Vice-Chair Gianna Dell'Omo explained "the committee is gathering public interest to determine whether there is both a need for these services, and ample volunteers to enable the program". She noted "we are looking for anyone able to assist with this program, especially teenagers who want to build their resumes for college, or good-hearted neighbors willing to assist others".

Please visit www.freeholdboroughnj.gov for Eligibility & Volunteer Guidelines and Applications. If the Committee receives a significant demand from Borough residents for the program, it may be implemented this Fall.